

*CLAIMS*

What is claimed is:

1. In a method of patent searching of the type in which an attempt is made to detect patents the same as and similar to an invention of interest, an expanded method of patent searching in which the improvement comprises the steps of:
  - a. making a computer search in the trademark records of the USPTO for goods and services the same as and similar to the invention of interest;
  - b. making a computer search in the trademark records of the States for goods and services the same as and similar to the invention of interest; and
  - c. making a computer search on the Internet for goods and services the same as and similar to the invention of interest.
2. A method of patent searching comprising the steps of:
  - a. making a search in the patent records of the USPTO for patents the same as and similar to an invention of interest;
  - b. making a computer search in the trademark records of the USPTO for goods and services the same as and similar to said invention of interest;
  - c. making a computer search in the trademark records of the States for goods and services the same as and similar to said invention of interest; and
  - d. making a computer search on the Internet for goods and services the same as and similar to said invention of interest.
3. A method as described in claim 2 in which the search in the patent records of the USPTO is made manually.

4. A method as described in claim 2 in which the search in the patent records of the USPTO is made via a computer.
5. A method as described in claim 2 further comprising the step of deciding a classification of said invention of interest and making said search in the patent records of the USPTO in said classification